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Federal Election Commission Reports Analysis Division Attn.: Monica Johnson 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

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RE: Independent Expenditures

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Your letters dated April 23, 1997, raised questions concerning our independent expenditures in support of Andrea Seastrand, Jim Ryun, Asa Hutchinson and Bob Barr. These expenditures qualify as "independent expenditures" as defined in 11 CFR §109.1(a). Further definition under 11 CFR §109.1(b)(4) was used to test the independence of the expenditures reported in the NRA Political Victory Fund's 12 Day Pre-General and 30 Day Post-General Reports.

After investigating our activity in relation to these candidates, we have determined that the expenditures in question qualify as "independent expenditures" and do not fall under the guidelines set forth in CFR §109.1(c). If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 267-1152.

Sincerely,

Ray Smith

PVF Assistant Treasurer